

REMARKS

In the Final Office Action mailed September 29, 2006, claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 9-12, 20 and 21 were allowed; and claims 26-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jacobin et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/00291 A1) in view of Ng (U.S. Patent No. 6,405,175) and further in view of Walker et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2005/0027601 A1).

As mentioned, rejected claims 26-29 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Therefore, the application should now be in condition for allowance.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 9-12, 20 and 21 are pending and under consideration. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge and consider the Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 22, 2006.

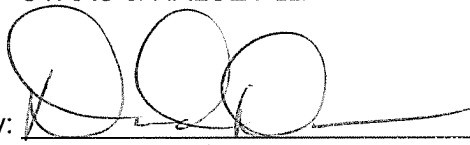
If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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